



Securing our Houses of Worship

Awareness Through Information Sharing

Incidents/Articles of Note:

- [Suspect arrested after fire at Cape Girardeau MO church](#)
- [Maine Man Charged with Hate Crime Offenses for Arson of Predominantly Black Church](#)
- [Gunmen kidnap Haiti pastor during Facebook live church ceremony](#)
- [Police Investigating Hate Messages At Fargo-Moorhead Mosque](#)
- [Windows, doors smashed at 4 Bronx synagogues in 2 days: NYPD](#)
- [Two suspects accused of vandalizing inside of Colorado church, unplugging security system](#)
- [Suspect arrested for vandalizing Temple Beth Shalom](#)
- [Arrest made in synagogue swastika case - NYC](#)



Video - DHS CISA

Protecting Houses of Worship – Video

Today, houses of worship face a unique set of safety and security challenges that weren't there just a few years ago. This video offers a look at those challenges and demonstrates how law enforcement, houses of worship, and other partners can work together to report suspicious behavior and raise security awareness, while forging positive relationships within the community.

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Webinar - REMS

Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship

This Webinar provided an overview of:

- the key principles for developing a comprehensive EOP for a house of worship;
- the planning process for developing, implementing, and refining an EOP for a house of worship;
- the form, function, and content of an EOP plan for a house of worship; and
- topics that support emergency operations planning including, but not limited to, key hazards to plan for.

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Paid Webinar - May 12, 2021, 9-11am PT / 12-2pm ET

Religious Facilities Protection Program: How to protect places of worship

Paid Training hosted by Infragard National and National Infrastructure Security and Resilience. Click link below for further information.

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Resource - FEMA

A Resource Guide to Improve Your Community's Awareness and Reporting of Suspicious Activity

The public has long served as the "eyes and ears" of their communities. Community members support hometown security by being alert and reporting suspicious activity to law enforcement. Telephone calls, online tips, and in-person complaints rank among the top ways law enforcement agencies collect and act on information received from the public. Community members act as force multipliers and are a critical resource in supporting law enforcement's efforts to prevent crime and terrorism

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